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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE ON KOSYGIN VISIT TO SWEDEN

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1. SUMMARY: JOINT SWEDISH- SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ON KOSYGIN VISIT ISSUED APRIL 5. COMMUNIQUE (TEXT AIR- POUCHED APR 6 TO EUR/ NE AND EUR/ SOV) ANNOUNCED THAT THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN SIGNED: AGREEMENT ON SHIPPING, A PROTOCOL ON SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR AIRCRAFT IN DISRESS OVER THE BALTIC, AND A 1973-74 CULTURAL- SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRIME MINISTER PALME ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION AT A FUTURE DATE.

2. COMMUNIQUE REPORTED THAT THE PARTIES NOTED POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND " THAT SWEDEN' S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS AN IM- PORTANT FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE." THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER DETENTE IN EUROPE
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WERE EMPHASIZED, INCLUDING MPT REGARDING CSCE. THE TWO PRIME MINSTERS NOTED THE IMPORTANTCE OF ECE AS " THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGAN FOR COOPERATION IN EUROPE."

3. THE PARTIES EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF DISARMAMENT AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TESTING BAN AND AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. GREAT IMPORTANCE WAS ATTACHED TO THE QUESTION OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AND HOPE EXPRESSED THAT CONDITIONS WILL BE CREATED FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1972, " TO START ITS WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." SUPPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROHIBIT USE OF " NEED-LESSLY CRUEL WEAPONS AND METHODS OF WARFARE." ACCORDING COMMUNIQUE, THE PARTIES AGREED THAT AN AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS FURTHER DETENTE AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT." BOTH PARTIES EXPRESSED " SERIOUS CONCERN" OVER " STILL DANGEROUS" SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR JARRING MISSION. PARTIES ALSO " EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION OVER THE ENDING OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM." THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FULL AND SCRUPULOUS OBSERVATION OF THE PEACE PROVISIONS BY ALL PARTIES. LAOS PEACE AGREEMENT WELCOMED AND HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT HOSTILITIES IN CAMBODIA WOULD CEASE " VERY SHORTLY."

4. THE PARTIES " NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT SWEDISH-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE STABLE AND THAT IN RECENT YEARS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED FURTHER IN SEVERAL FIELDS. " THEY DECLARED GREAT INTEREST" IN THE CONTINUED EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS." THEY WELCOMED INITIATIVES TOWARD " FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT" OF SWEDISH- SOVIET TRADE AND DECLARED THEMSELVES POSITIVE TO PRODUCTION COOPERATION BETWEEN COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. OLSEN

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